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10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor John D. Cherry, Jr.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the Senate, who announced that a quorum was not present.

Allen—present
Barcia—present
Basham—present
Birkholz—present
Bishop—present
Brater—present
Brown—present
Cassis—present
Cherry—present
Clark-Coleman—present
Clarke—present
Cropsey—present
Emerson—present

Garcia—excused
George—present
Gilbert—present
Goschka—present
Hammerstrom—present
Hardiman—present
Jacobs—present
Jelinek—present
Johnson—present
Kuipers—present
Leland—present
McManus—present
Olshove—present

Patterson—present
Prusi—present
Sanborn—present
Schauer—present
Scott—present
Sikkema—present
Stamas—present
Switalski—present
Thomas—present
Toy—present
Van Woerkom—present
Whitmer—present

Senator Gilda Z. Jacobs of the 14th District offered the following invocation:

“The Whole World as 100 People

If we could shrink the earth’s population to a village of precisely 100 people with all of the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look like this:

There would be:

57 Asians

21 Europeans

14 from the Western Hemisphere (North and South America)

8 Africans

52 would be female

48 would be male

70 would be non-white, 30 white

70 would be non-Christian, 30 would be Christian

89 would be heterosexual, 11 homosexual

59% of the entire world’s wealth would be in the hands of only 6 people and all 6 would be citizens of the United States

80 would live in substandard housing

70 would be unable to read

50 would suffer from malnutrition

1 would be near death, 1 would be near birth

Only 1 would have a college education and only 1 would own a computer.”

—Author unknown

When one considers the world from such a compressed perspective, the need for both acceptance and understanding becomes glaringly apparent.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Recess

Senator Schauer moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:04 a.m.

10:20 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry.

During the recess, Senators Emerson, Thomas, Barcia, Stamas, Jelinek, Johnson, Van Woerkom, Sikkema, Gilbert, Brown, Toy, McManus, Cropsey, Kuipers, Hammerstrom, Cassis, Birkholz, George, Hardiman, Goschka and Allen entered the Senate Chamber.

A quorum of the Senate was present.

Motions and Communications

Senator Hammerstrom moved that rule 3.901 be suspended to allow photographs to be taken from the Senate floor, including the center aisle.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senator Hammerstrom moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guests of Senator Whitmer admittance to the Senate floor, including the center aisle.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senator Bishop entered the Senate Chamber.

Oath of Office

A ceremonial swearing-in was conducted for Senator Gretchen Whitmer, who took and subscribed to the Constitutional Oath of Office, which was administered by Supreme Court Justice Michael Cavanagh, and entered upon the performance of her duties as Senator.

Senators Emerson, Sikkema, Whitmer, Johnson, Jacobs, Cropsey, Prusi and Hammerstrom asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emerson's statement is as follows:

It's with great pleasure that I welcome Senator Whitmer to the Michigan State Senate. Senator Whitmer had a terrific, if short, career in the House of Representatives because of term limits. She served five years with distinction in the House of Representatives being the minority vice chair of the Appropriations Committee. While I tried to get Senator Prusi to step down from the Appropriations Committee to make room for her over here, he was somewhat reluctant, so we've had to place her on other committees. It really is a pleasure to have someone of her caliber here in the Senate. I know it was a very close election and it was in doubt all along.

I had promised Representative Whitmer at the end of last year after Senator Bernero was elected mayor of Lansing that we would try and have her sworn in by my birthday. We missed it by two days. My birthday isn't until Thursday. We still got it by my birthday, but we want to make sure that you know you are a welcome member of this caucus and a welcome member of the Michigan Senate.

Senator Sikkema's statement is as follows:

On behalf of the Republican Caucus and the entire Senate, I also want to welcome Senator Whitmer here to the Michigan Senate. The citizens of the 23rd District have entrusted you with a position of great responsibility, but I would also quickly add that this is a position that you have earned and it is well deserved. I served in the House, as did Senator Emerson, and as you have. The chambers have their own unique characteristics and I will not go into that any further, but it's my fervent hope that you will experience the Senate the way the Michigan Constitution and the framers of our Constitution envisioned it as a body where debate and discussion is honored and respected. I hope you will see your time in the Senate as a time where you can add your own unique contributions to moving Michigan forward into the future in a positive way.

Again, I want to welcome you, and I look forward to working with you in the days and weeks ahead.

Senator Whitmer's first statement is as follows:

I wanted to thank the Majority Leader, as well as my leader, for your wonderful comments and your welcome to the Senate. I will say that the staff here in the Senate has done a remarkable job trying to get me up to speed and help me to make the transition from the House to the Senate—the upper chamber I will acknowledge now that I am a part of it.

I want to acknowledge just one more thing. Not one of us get here on our own. We all have gotten here through the love and support of our families, our friends, our volunteers, and the voters, of course. It's a privilege for me to come and serve in the State Senate. I'm very much looking forward to sitting on a number of policy standing committees, and I did want to just acknowledge that I've got a wonderful family. I've got four generations of people in my family here to celebrate this with me; but also to acknowledge that it wasn't just family, it was a number of friends and volunteers who helped me. I appreciate that and I thank you and I will remember that every day that I come to serve. I will do my best, the best of my abilities to serve in the State Senate and to work with everyone in this chamber to move Michigan forward. I'm looking forward to it. So thank you.

Senator Johnson's statement is as follows:

I want to say congratulations Gretchen, on behalf of the women's caucus. This is yet another historic day for the females in this state. Of all my years—and I'm the longest-serving female in this building—there have never been 12 women in the Michigan Senate. Typically, there was one. So welcome from our side.

I promise you that I will do all I can to kick Mr. Prusi off of that committee and get you on.

Senator Jacobs' statement is as follows:

To my good friend, I was going to wait until Statements, but I didn't realize that we would all have the opportunity to speak now. I would like to say that on August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. It said, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation." Those 39 words irrevocably altered the course of history.

During the month of March, we celebrate the accomplishments of women in government, education, science, the arts, and numerous other fields where their achievements are legion. Michigan government is surely worthy of such celebration.

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow continues her leadership role on the national scene in the United States Senate. Governor Granholm is one of only eight female Governors in the United States today. In her administration, the Departments of Civil Rights, Community Health, Corrections, Management and Budget, Human Services, Information Technology, Office of Services to the Aging, and Natural Resources are all women-led. Females also serve as State Budget Director, Surgeon General, and Acting State Treasurer. In addition, women serve as directors or chairs of the Liquor Control Commission, Children's Ombudsman, Office of Insurance and Financial Services, State Racing Commissioner, State Librarian, executive director of the Women's Commission, and Brigadier General of Military and Veterans Affairs. The Governor has also appointed 57 judges, 20 of them women. The Governor also has eight women serving on her staff, including, I might add, the chief of staff of the Office of the First Gentleman. That's not including the thousands of women employed at every level who are contributing to the progress of our state. Now Michigan, the Michigan Senate can boast of 12 female Senators. We will not be called the Dirty Dozen—the most in the state's Senate history.

This is not the day or time to debate the worthiness of the gender, so I will leave you instead with the wise and pragmatic words of a well-respected and well-loved political world leader whose dedication to country and personal concern for people epitomizes greatness. Golda Meir, long-serving Prime Minister of Israel, when asked, answered, "Whether women are better than men I cannot say, but I can say they are certainly no worse."

We welcome you to the Senate, Senator Whitmer, and we thank you for bringing your intelligence, your skills, your experience, and yes, your heart to our chamber. We are stronger and better and wiser because of it.

Senator Cropsey's statement is as follows:

I just wanted to welcome the new Senator from the Ingham County area, now adjoining my district. As chairman of the Judiciary Committee, with great angst we had the Minority Leader say that last Tuesday was his last day on the committee. So I assume that the new Senator will be coming onto the Judiciary Committee. If memory serves me right, you will be the first lady attorney, perhaps in this body, but I think certainly who will be serving on the Senate Judiciary Committee. So I just wanted to welcome you and hope for the best for you.

Senator Prusi's statement is as follows:

Up until today, I was feeling rather secure in the work I've done as the minority vice chair of Appropriations. However, given the remarks of my leader and the chair of the committee and the fact that the new Senator spoke at my microphone rather than the one designated for her, it allows me a bit of trepidation. But I do want to welcome Senator Whitmer to our chamber.

In addition, I don't often get guests, and I do have some guests from Wakefield up in my district in the Gallery, and unfortunately, they had to see an assault on my position here in their one day here at the Capitol. I would like to, in addition to welcoming Senator Whitmer to our chamber, welcome my guests as well.

Senator Hammerstrom's statement is as follows:

I, too, would like to make a couple of comments on this historic day. While the good Senator from the 13th District reminded us all that she's the longest-serving woman in the Legislature, I am the dean of the Senate women because I got here a few months before she did. I would like to welcome Senator Whitmer. I would remind the good Senator Johnson that she also set a record when she came over here. It was the first time we'd ever had five women serving. We've really gone from five to 12 in a very short period of time. It is indeed an exciting day, I think, for women everywhere.

With that, I would also like to say to the members that the Senate has provided a cake just outside the chamber doors to welcome Senator Gretchen Whitmer.

Senator Whitmer's second statement is as follows:

I did forget to introduce my family. I was talking about them, but I never said who they were. My husband Gary Shrewsbury with my daughters Sydney and Sherry Shrewsbury; Sherry turns four tomorrow; my dad Dick Whitmer, my brother Richard Whitmer, my mother and father-in-law J.W. Shrewsbury and Mary Ruth Shrewsbury, and the matriarch of my family, Esther Whitmer, 92, from Pontiac is here as well. I just wanted to thank my family members for making the trip. I know many of you drove up here. Thank you for all of your support and enthusiasm during the campaign and I love you all very much.

Senator Hammerstrom moved that consideration of the following bill be postponed for today:

Senate Bill No. 246

The motion prevailed.

The Secretary announced that the Majority Leader has made the appointment of the following standing committees:

Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism - Senator Whitmer replacing Senator Thomas.

Finance - Senator Allen (VC) temporarily replacing Senator Garcia.

Gaming and Casino Oversight - Senator Whitmer replacing Senator Emerson.

Health Policy - Senator Whitmer (MVC) replacing Senator Emerson.

Judiciary - Senator Whitmer replacing Senator Emerson.

Local, Urban and State Affairs - Senator Whitmer replacing Senator Emerson.

The standing committee appointments were approved, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, March 16:

House Bill Nos. 5181 5490 5743 5751 5752 5754 5755 5823 5824

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Friday, March 17, for her approval the following bills:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 372 at 2:15 p.m.

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 120 at 2:17 p.m.

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 263 at 2:19 p.m.

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 318 at 2:21 p.m.

The Secretary announced that the following official bills were printed on Thursday, March 16, and are available at the legislative website:

Senate Bill Nos. 1148 1149 1150 1151 1152 1153 1154

House Bill Nos. 5872 5873 5874 5875 5876 5877

The Secretary announced that the following official bills were printed on Friday, March 17, and are available at the legislative website:

**Senate Bill Nos. 1155 1156 1157 1158 1159 1160 1161 1162 1163 1164 1165 1166 1167 1168
1169 1170 1171**

**House Bill Nos. 5878 5879 5880 5881 5882 5883 5884 5885 5886 5887 5888 5889 5890 5891
5892**

Messages from the Governor

Senator Hammerstrom moved that consideration of the following bills be postponed for today:

Senate Bill No. 272

Senate Bill No. 271

Senate Bill No. 264

Senate Bill No. 274

Senate Bill No. 281

Senate Bill No. 175

Senate Bill No. 236

Senate Bill No. 892

Senate Bill No. 893

Senate Bill No. 956

Senate Bill No. 957

Senate Bill No. 179

The motion prevailed.

The following messages from the Governor were received:

Date: March 16, 2006

Time: 10:19 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 960 (Public Act No. 74), being

An act to amend 1986 PA 32, entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of emergency telephone districts; to provide for the installation, operation, modification, and maintenance of universal emergency number service systems;

to provide for the imposition and collection of certain charges; to provide the powers and duties of certain state agencies, local units of government, public officers, telephone service suppliers, and others; to create an emergency telephone service committee; to provide remedies; to provide penalties; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," by amending section 408 (MCL 484.1408), as amended by 2004 PA 89.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on March 20, 2006, at 2:06 p.m.)

Date: March 16, 2006

Time: 10:21 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 795 (Public Act No. 73), being

An act to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 2885.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on March 20, 2006, at 2:04 p.m.)

Date: March 16, 2006

Time: 10:23 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1024 (Public Act No. 60), being

An act to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, codify, and add to the statutes relating to crimes; to define crimes and prescribe the penalties and remedies; to provide for restitution under certain circumstances; to provide for the competency of evidence at the trial of persons accused of crime; to provide immunity from prosecution for certain witnesses appearing at such trials; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act," by amending section 540 (MCL 750.540).

(Filed with the Secretary of State on March 20, 2006, at 1:38 p.m.)

Date: March 16, 2006

Time: 11:30 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 839 (Public Act No. 69), being

An act to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "An act to provide for the raising of additional public revenue by prescribing certain specific taxes, fees, and charges to be paid to the state for the privilege of engaging in certain business activities; to provide, incident to the enforcement thereof, for the issuance of licenses to engage in such occupations; to provide for the ascertainment, assessment and collection thereof; to appropriate the proceeds thereof; and to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions of this act," by amending section 25 (MCL 205.75), as amended by 2004 PA 544.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on March 20, 2006, at 1:56 p.m.)

Date: March 16, 2006
Time: 11:34 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 52 (Public Act No. 70), being

An act to amend 2000 PA 146, entitled “An act to provide for the establishment of obsolete property rehabilitation districts in certain local governmental units; to provide for the exemption from certain taxes; to levy and collect a specific tax upon the owners of certain facilities; to provide for the disposition of the tax; to provide for the obtaining and transferring of an exemption certificate and to prescribe the contents of those certificates; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain local government officials; and to provide penalties,” by amending section 2 (MCL 125.2782).

(Filed with the Secretary of State on March 20, 2006, at 1:58 p.m.)

Date: March 16, 2006
Time: 11:36 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1005 (Public Act No. 71), being

An act to amend 2005 PA 92, entitled An act to prescribe the procedures, terms, and conditions for the qualification or approval of school bonds and other bonds; to authorize this state to make loans to certain school districts for the payment of certain bonds and to authorize schools to borrow from this state for that purpose; to prescribe the terms and conditions of certain loans to school districts; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and certain state and local officials; to provide for certain fees; to prescribe certain penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 9 (MCL 388.1929).

(Filed with the Secretary of State on March 20, 2006, at 2:00 p.m.)

Respectfully,
Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

Messages from the House

Senator Hammerstrom moved that consideration of the following bills be postponed for today:

Senate Bill No. 371

Senate Bill No. 242

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 506, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 3101 (MCL 324.3101), as amended by 2004 PA 142, and by adding section 3109c.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 883, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” by amending section 518 (MCL 600.518), as amended by 2001 PA 256.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senator Hammerstrom moved that Senator Garcia be excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 907, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending sections 508 and 549a (MCL 600.508 and 600.549a), section 508 as amended by 2001 PA 253.

The House of Representatives has amended the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 1, following line 8, by inserting:

"Enacting section 1. If, pursuant to this amendatory act, a new office of judge is added to the forty-ninth judicial circuit by election in 2006, the term of office of that judgeship for that election only shall be 8 years."

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as amended, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.202, the bill be laid over one day,

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the rule be suspended.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made to the bill by the House,

The amendment was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 153

Yeas—37

Allen	Clarke	Jelinek	Schauer
Barcia	Cropsey	Johnson	Scott
Basham	Emerson	Kuipers	Sikkema
Birkholz	George	Leland	Stamas
Bishop	Gilbert	McManus	Switalski
Brater	Goschka	Olshove	Thomas
Brown	Hammerstrom	Patterson	Toy
Cassis	Hardiman	Prusi	Van Woerkom
Cherry	Jacobs	Sanborn	Whitmer
Clark-Coleman			

Nays—0

Excused—1

Garcia

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 925, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 517 (MCL 600.517), as amended by 2002 PA 715.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 946, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” by amending section 507 (MCL 600.507), as amended by 2001 PA 252.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 955, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” by amending section 549g (MCL 600.549g), as added by 1981 PA 182.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 932, entitled

A bill to amend 1990 PA 187, entitled “The pupil transportation act,” by amending the title and sections 5, 7, 9, 10, 10a, 11, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 39, 41, 43, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 61, 67, 69, 70, and 73 (MCL 257.1805, 257.1807, 257.1809, 257.1810, 257.1810a, 257.1811, 257.1821, 257.1823, 257.1825, 257.1827, 257.1829, 257.1831, 257.1833, 257.1839, 257.1841, 257.1843, 257.1849, 257.1851, 257.1853, 257.1855, 257.1857, 257.1861, 257.1867, 257.1869, 257.1870, and 257.1873), sections 5, 7, 10, and 10a as amended by 2000 PA 49, section 23 as amended by 1990 PA 322, section 33 as amended by 2001 PA 130, section 49 as amended by 1994 PA 309, section 53 as amended by 2004 PA 131, section 55 as amended by 2004 PA 231, and section 57 as amended by 1996 PA 170; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Substitute (H-2).

The question being on concurring in the substitute made to the bill by the House,

Senator Allen offered the following substitute to the House substitute:

Substitute (S-2).

The substitute to the substitute was adopted.

The question being on concurring in the House substitute, as substituted,

The substitute was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 154

Yeas—37

Allen	Clarke	Jelinek	Schauer
Barcia	Cropsey	Johnson	Scott
Basham	Emerson	Kuipers	Sikkema
Birkholz	George	Leland	Stamas
Bishop	Gilbert	McManus	Switalski
Brater	Goschka	Olshove	Thomas
Brown	Hammerstrom	Patterson	Toy
Cassis	Hardiman	Prusi	Van Woerkom
Cherry	Jacobs	Sanborn	Whitmer
Clark-Coleman			

Nays—0

Excused—1

Garcia

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title as amended.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
General Orders

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of the General Orders calendar.

The motion prevailed, and the President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, designated Senator Kuipers as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and, the President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 1104, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 2534 (MCL 600.2534), as amended by 1996 PA 378.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 971, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 74102a (MCL 324.74102a), as added by 2004 PA 392, and by adding section 74102b.

Substitute (S-5).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 972, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 2131 (MCL 324.2131), as amended by 2001 PA 174.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 1044, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 76702 (MCL 324.76702), as added by 1995 PA 58.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:
House Bill No. 5508, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 44, entitled "Motor fuels quality act," by amending the title and sections 2, 3, 5, 9b, 9d, 9g, 9h, 9i, 9j, 10b, 10c, and 10d (MCL 290.642, 290.643, 290.645, 290.649b, 290.649d, 290.649g, 290.649h, 290.649i, 290.649j, 290.650b, 290.650c, and 290.650d), the title and section 2 as amended and sections 9b, 9d, 9g, 9h, 9j, and 10c as added by 1993 PA 236, sections 3, 5, and 10b as amended by 2002 PA 13, section 9i as amended by 2004 PA 278, and section 10d as added by 1993 PA 231, and by adding sections 9k and 9l; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Substitute (S-1).

The following is the amendment to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 24, line 16, after "**THE**" by striking out the balance of the line through "**FUND**" on line 17 and inserting "**GASOLINE INSPECTION AND TESTING FUND ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 8**".

The Senate agreed to the substitute, as amended, recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Statements

Senators Leland and Scott asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Leland's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, I rise to share with the Senate a very disturbing incident which occurred last week in the Technology and Energy Committee. The committee was considering a routine resolution urging the U.S. Congress to expand funding for the low-income heating assistance program in light of this winter's jump in home heating costs. The sponsor of the resolution, the Senate Minority Floor Leader, appeared before the committee as a witness. Rather than focus on the substance of the resolution, the chairman attempted to intimidate, bully, and demean the Senate Minority Floor Leader and attack his motives for introducing the resolution, this, despite the fact that the chairman had introduced an identical resolution two years before. After several minutes of this behavior, I objected and attempted to redirect the debate. After a sharp exchange, the chair returned to his boorish questioning of the Minority Floor Leader. Throughout this inappropriate treatment, the Minority Floor Leader maintained his professional demeanor and focused on the substance of the issue before the committee.

The chairman's conduct clearly violates Senate Rule 2.206, which provides that no person shall engage in any conduct in a Senate committee which undermines the decorum of the meeting. Anyone who watches the video tape of this committee meeting will clearly see that the chairman did nothing but undermine the decorum of this body.

Furthermore, Mason's rules of order, in section 52, explicitly states that the equality of members is presumed, and section 120 specifically protects this equality during times of debate. The chairman's bullying and domineering behavior, as well as his refusal to call on members wishing to speak, violated Mason's requirement for equality in debate.

The chairman's behavior last week is not unique. As anyone who routinely attends the Technology and Energy Committee knows, it is his standard operating procedure. I have seen many a witness come before the committee to engage us in a substantive discussion about an important issue, only to have the chairman badger, bully, and intimidate the witness.

No citizen should have to endure this behavior from an elected official. It is disrespectful, degrading, and frankly, dehumanizing. The institution of the Senate itself is damaged by such misconduct. The fact that the chairman would engage in this behavior toward his colleagues in the Senate is inexcusable.

That is why I am today calling upon the Senate Majority Leader to remove the Senator of the 7th District as chair of the committee. He is simply not fit to hold a gavel.

Senator Scott's statement is as follows:

From my website from the city of Detroit: "Car insurance is far too high in the city of Detroit. Insurance companies claim they increase rates to offset those who drive without coverage and incur many accidents and so forth. Well, if rates were not so high, people would be able to afford coverage which would drastically decrease the number of drivers that are uninsured. Also the majority of accidents seem to occur in the suburbs, especially the freeways in the suburbs. So if rates need to be increased, it should take place in the suburbs, people who can afford it anyway and not in the city of Detroit. I strongly support and petition for car insurance rates to dramatically decrease."

Colleagues, we need affordable insurance.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Brown introduced

Senate Bill No. 1172, entitled

A bill to amend 1986 PA 32, entitled "Emergency telephone service enabling act," by amending sections 201, 301, and 717 (MCL 484.1201, 484.1301, and 484.1717), section 201 as amended by 1999 PA 78, section 301 as amended by 1994 PA 29, and section 717 as added by 1999 PA 79.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Technology and Energy.

Senators Switalski, Cherry, Cassis, Clarke, Basham, Barcia, Brater, Prusi, Thomas, Schauer, Jacobs and Leland introduced

Senate Bill No. 1173, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 2567a (MCL 600.2567a), as amended by 2002 PA 700.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senators Stamas, Jelinek, Cropsey, Birkholz, Barcia, Kuipers, Patterson, Hammerstrom, Allen and Goschka introduced

Senate Bill No. 1174, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," (MCL 388.1601 to 388.1772) by adding section 32m.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senators Jelinek, Stamas, Cropsey, Birkholz, Barcia, Kuipers, Patterson, Hammerstrom, Allen and Goschka introduced

Senate Bill No. 1175, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," (MCL 388.1601 to 388.1772) by adding section 32n.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senators Stamas, Allen, Cassis, McManus and Bishop introduced

Senate Bill No. 1176, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.532) by adding section 275.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators McManus, Birkholz, Cassis, Cropsey, Allen, Gilbert, Van Woerkom, Stamas, Kuipers, Goschka and Brown introduced

Senate Bill No. 1177, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 15a.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

Senators McManus, Birkholz, Cassis, Cropsey, Allen, Gilbert, Van Woerkom, Stamas, Kuipers, Goschka and Brown introduced

Senate Bill No. 1178, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16a of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16a), as amended by 2004 PA 216.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

Senators Cassis, Birkholz, McManus, Cropsey, Gilbert, Van Woerkom, Stamas, Kuipers, Allen, Goschka and Brown introduced

Senate Bill No. 1179, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 17515 (MCL 333.17515), as added by 1993 PA 133, and by adding section 17015a.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

Senators Cassis, Birkholz, McManus, Cropsey, Kuipers, Allen, Gilbert, Van Woerkom, Stamas, Goschka and Brown introduced

Senate Bill No. 1180, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 17015 (MCL 333.17015), as amended by 2002 PA 685.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

Senators Birkholz, McManus, Cassis, Cropsey, Gilbert, Van Woerkom, Stamas, Kuipers, Goschka and Brown introduced

Senate Bill No. 1181, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding section 2975.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

Senators Gilbert, Basham, Hardiman, Allen, Goschka and Toy introduced

Senate Bill No. 1182, entitled

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled "An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 13 (MCL 247.663), as amended by 2004 PA 9.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Gilbert, Van Woerkom, Cropsey, Kuipers and Goschka introduced

Senate Bill No. 1183, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 1101a.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

House Bill No. 5181, entitled

A bill to create a commission to investigate alternative fuels; to define certain alternative fuels; to determine certain powers and duties of the commission; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Technology and Energy.

House Bill No. 5490, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending sections 4703, 4704, 4705, and 4708 (MCL 600.4703, 600.4704, 600.4705, and 600.4708), as added by 1988 PA 104.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5743, entitled

A bill to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill No. 5751, entitled

A bill to amend 2000 PA 403, entitled "Motor fuel tax act," by amending section 8 (MCL 207.1008), as amended by 2002 PA 668.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Technology and Energy.

House Bill No. 5752, entitled

A bill to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled "Michigan renaissance zone act," by amending sections 3, 6, and 8 (MCL 125.2683, 125.2686, and 125.2688), section 3 as amended by 2005 PA 275, section 6 as amended by 2004 PA 430, and section 8 as amended by 2003 PA 266, and by adding section 8e.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Technology and Energy.

House Bill No. 5754, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 270, entitled "Michigan strategic fund act," (MCL 125.2001 to 125.2094) by adding section 78.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Technology and Energy.

House Bill No. 5755, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 44, entitled "Motor fuels quality act," by amending sections 2, 3, 4a, 5, 6, and 7 (MCL 290.642, 290.643, 290.644a, 290.645, 290.646, and 290.647), sections 2 and 7 as amended by 1993 PA 236, sections 3 and 5 as amended by 2002 PA 13, section 4a as amended by 2002 PA 425, and section 6 as amended by 2004 PA 278.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Technology and Energy.

House Bill No. 5823, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 49, 159j, and 535a (MCL 750.49, 750.159j, and 750.535a), section 49 as amended by 1998 PA 38, section 159j as added by 1995 PA 187, and section 535a as amended by 1999 PA 185.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5824, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 7523 (MCL 333.7523), as amended by 1990 PA 336.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Technology and Energy reported

Senate Resolution No. 71.

A resolution to memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to increase funding for home heating assistance to cope with the rise in natural gas costs expected this winter.

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 90 of 2005, p. 1932.)

With the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Bruce Patterson
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Patterson, Kuipers, Birkholz, Brown, Cassis, Olshove, Leland and Thomas

Nays: None

The resolution was placed on the order of Resolutions.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Technology and Energy submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 3:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Patterson (C), Kuipers, Birkholz, Brown, Cassis, Olshove, Leland and Thomas

The Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions reported

House Bill No. 5256, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 3020 (MCL 500.3020), as amended by 1998 PA 410.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Michael D. Bishop
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Bishop, Van Woerkom, Sanborn, Stamas, Leland, Olshove and Clark-Coleman

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions reported

House Bill No. 5292, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending sections 3503, 7911, 7918, 7921, 7925, 7931, 7941, 7945, 8111, 8124, and 8134 (MCL 500.3503, 500.7911, 500.7918, 500.7921, 500.7925, 500.7931, 500.7941, 500.7945, 500.8111, 500.8124, and 500.8134), section 3503 as added by 2000 PA 252, sections 7911 and 7921 as amended by 1993 PA 200, section 7918 as amended by 2001 PA 182, sections 7925, 7931, and 7945 as amended by 1980 PA 41, section 7941 as amended by 1990 PA 137, section 8111 as amended by 1992 PA 182, section 8124 as added by 1989 PA 302, and section 8134 as amended by 1998 PA 279, and by adding sections 8124a and 8133a.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Michael D. Bishop
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Bishop, Van Woerkom, Sanborn, Stamas, Leland, Olshove and Clark-Coleman

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions reported

House Bill No. 5497, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 1204c (MCL 500.1204c), as amended by 2005 PA 247.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Michael D. Bishop
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Bishop, Van Woerkom, Sanborn, Stamas, Leland, Olshove and Clark-Coleman

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 16, 2006, at 1:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Bishop (C), Van Woerkom, Sanborn, Stamas, Leland, Olshove and Clark-Coleman

The Committee on Education reported

House Bill No. 4838, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled "The management and budget act," (MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594) by adding section 1299.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Wayne Kuipers
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kuipers, Cassis, Van Woerkom, Clark-Coleman and Leland

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Education reported

House Bill No. 5282, entitled

A bill to amend 2000 PA 258, entitled "Career and technical preparation act," by amending section 13 (MCL 388.1913).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Wayne Kuipers
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kuipers, Cassis, Van Woerkom and Clark-Coleman

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Education reported

House Bill No. 5606, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 1280 (MCL 380.1280), as amended by 2003 PA 275, and by adding section 1278a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Wayne Kuipers
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kuipers, Cassis, Van Woerkom, Clark-Coleman and Leland

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 16, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Kuipers (C), Cassis, Van Woerkom, Clark-Coleman and Leland

The Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism reported

Senate Bill No. 919, entitled

A bill to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled "Michigan renaissance zone act," by amending sections 3, 6, and 8 (MCL 125.2683, 125.2686, and 125.2688), section 3 as amended by 2000 PA 259, section 6 as amended by 2004 PA 430, and section 8 as amended by 2003 PA 266, and by adding section 8e.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-3) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Gerald Van Woerkom
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Van Woerkom, Gilbert and Jelinek

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism reported

House Bill No. 5114, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 52706 (MCL 324.52706), as amended by 2004 PA 377.

With the recommendation that the bill be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Gerald Van Woerkom
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Van Woerkom, Gilbert and Jelinek

Nays: Senator Brater

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism reported

House Bill No. 5456, entitled

A bill to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled "Michigan renaissance zone act," by amending sections 3, 6, and 8 (MCL 125.2683, 125.2686, and 125.2688), section 3 as amended by 2005 PA 275, section 6 as amended by 2004 PA 430, and section 8 as amended by 2003 PA 266, and by adding section 8e.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-3) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Gerald Van Woerkom
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Van Woerkom, Gilbert and Jelinek

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism reported

House Bill No. 5628, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 50507 (MCL 324.50507), as amended by 2004 PA 124.

With the recommendation that the bill be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Gerald Van Woerkom
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Van Woerkom, Gilbert and Jelinek

Nays: Senator Brater

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 16, 2006, at 8:30 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Van Woerkom (C), Gilbert, Jelinek and Brater

Excused: Senator Thomas

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on K-12, School Aid, Education submitted the following:
Meeting held on Thursday, March 16, 2006, at 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Jelinek (C), Cropsey, Brown, Switalski and Scott

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Family Independence Agency submitted the following:
Joint meeting held on Thursday, March 16, 2006, at 2:45 p.m., House Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Hardiman (C), George and Scott

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on K-12, School Aid, Education submitted the following:
Meeting held on Monday, March 20, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower
Present: Senators Jelinek (C), Cropsey, Brown, Switalski and Scott

Scheduled Meetings

21st Century Jobs Funds Joint Select Oversight Committee (SCR 38) - Thursday, March 23, 1:30 p.m., Room 327, South Tower, House Office Building (373-2420)

Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism - Wednesday, March 22, 9:00 a.m., and Thursday, March 23, 8:30 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-1635)

Appropriations - Wednesday, March 22, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2523)

Subcommittees -

Agriculture - Thursdays, April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11 and May 18, 3:30 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-5932)

Capital Outlay - Thursday, March 23, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2523)

State Police and Military Affairs - Thursdays, April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11 and May 18, 2:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-5932)

Transportation Department - Tuesdays, April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16 and May 23, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2523)

Commerce and Labor - Wednesday, March 22, 3:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2413)

Education - Thursday, March 23, 2:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-6920)

Health Policy - Wednesday, March 22, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-3543)

Local, Urban and State Affairs - Wednesday, March 22, 1:15 p.m., Lansing Center, Room 201, 333 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing (373-1707)

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee - Tuesday, March 28, 9:15 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

Technology and Energy - Wednesday, March 22, 3:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-7350)

Transportation - Tuesday, March 28, 1:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-7708)

Transportation, Senate/House - Thursdays, March 23 and March 30, 12:30 p.m., Room 519, South Tower, House Office Building (373-7708)

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:28 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate

